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"Propaganda begins when dialogue ends." Jacques Ellul

Censorship at *The Olympian*

In Denial of Sexual Hypocrisy at St. Martin's

WIP News Service

Recently the Reverend Gene A. Dreyer wrote *The Olympian* a letter to the editor. It was in response to articles in *The Olympian* regarding a theologian scheduled to speak at St. Martin's who happened to be a lesbian, and the subsequent nonrenewal of contract for the nun who had invited her. As an ex-monk, Rev. Gene Dreyer has had an insider's view to the sexual dynamics at play in St. Martins which made this situation a problem. *The Olympian* at first told Mr. Dreyer they would print the letter, and then, without notification, choose not to run the letter.

When Mr. Dreyer first went into *The Olympian* and handed his letter to Mr. Chris Clough, editorial room staff, he asked if *The Olympian* would publish the letter or did they think it was libelous. Mr. Clough responded that, yes, the Olympian would publish it, and that *The Olympian* wasn't really worried about libel. Mr. Dreyer then asked how long it would be before the letter would come out. The reply was, "within two weeks." After two weeks, when the letter had failed to appear, he called the editor and was told to wait as it would appear. After three weeks and the letter still hadn't been printed, he called again and was again told to wait.

Mr. Dreyer waited another four weeks. He then went to *The Olympian* in person and talked to a secretary in the editorial department. She tried running down his letter and eventually went to the editor, Mike Oakland. She asked him about the letter, and he asked her if it was the letter with the accusations about the monks in it. She said, "yes." Mr. Oakland said, "No, the letter would not be printed." Rev. Dreyer then requested to speak with him in person. He asked Mr. Oakland why the letter had not been printed. Oakland's reply was that the letter was libelous and he feared *The Olympian* might be sued. According to Rev. Dreyer, along with the fact that The Olympian had done a complete about face, Mr. Oakland's body language seemed rather guarded.

As Rev. Dreyer stood there looking and listening to The Olympian's editor, it suddenly dawned on him that he had seen this man at St. Martin's on numerous occasions while he had been a monk there. He remembered seeing him speaking to priests, going to mass, and other abbey College events. Upon this realization and what he had lately experience, he understood that his time had been and would continue to be wasted there and he left *The Olympian*.

The following is the letter Rev. Dreyer had submitted to *The Olympian*:

Recently The Olympian *published front page articles about a lesbian theologian speaking at St. Martin's College. Two trustees were upset because she was allowed to speak there about religion. As an ex-monk from St. Martin's, I feel that it is healthy and necessary for more lesbian and gay religious people to speak up in the church. The media is rife with examples showing that sexually repressed Catholic clergy are harassing, abusing, and even raping their parishioners. I am one of many victims of such abuse from monks at St. Martin's College. This group of same-sexed individuals is interested in maintaining the image that they are celibate and holy, when in reality they are mostly gay men living in denial. Because they feel they must perpetuate this myth, they and their lawyers will threaten and abuse the victims of their sexual misconduct.*

These monks threatened me economically, legally and physically to prevent me from saying anything about their abusiveness, though I've written about my experiences in Works In Progress The Evergreen Free Press *and* Sound Out. *On the one hand we have a situation in which two trustees from St. Martin's want to perpetuate the destructive myths of homosexuals as evil, and of monks as celibate and pure. On the other, we have a brave lesbian person of faith who is speaking up to bring fresh light, love and healing via theology to help correct this dark,sick, sexual side of the Catholic church.*

Rev. Gene A. Dreyer

The Catholic church, individuals and organizations within it, are trying to deal with the sexual abusiveness of its clergy and those who have been sexual abused. St. Martin's, as yet, has been unwilling to respond in a healing or compassionate way to any persons abused by their monks. Even the Archdiocese of Seattle has not been able to persuade the monks to deal with their sexual abuse prob-

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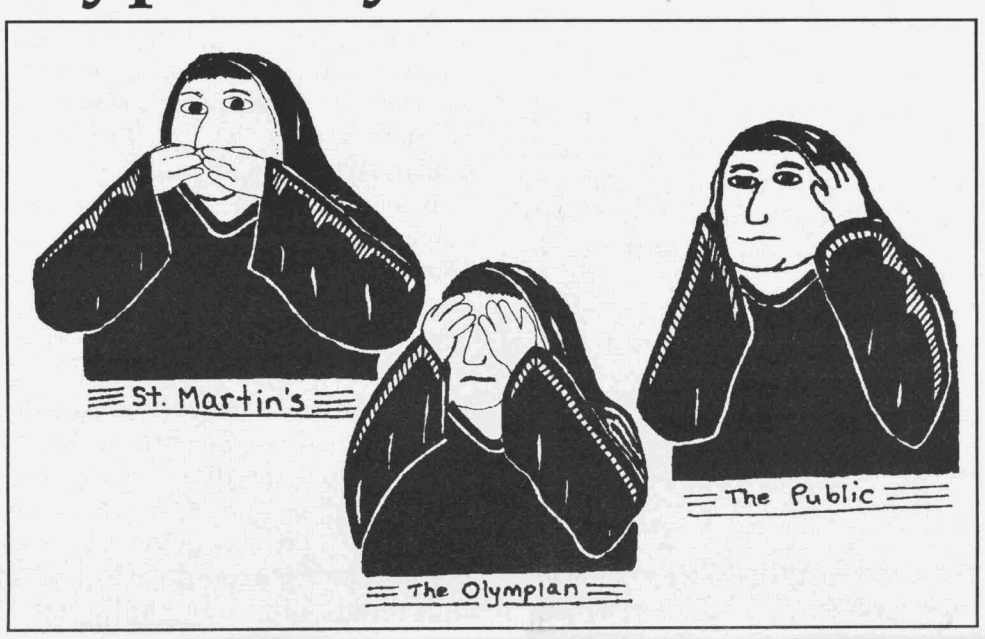

"As an ex-monk, Rev. Gene Dreyer has had an insider's view to the sexual dynamics at play in St. Martins which made this situation a problem."

New Changes in Mental Health

Katherine Macrae

There is a continual change in how services are delivered in social systems. Some times these changes are very good, very needed. Often the changes reflect the idea that government is spending too much on social programs and then the change is detrimental to the needs of consumers. It is interesting to note that we hear about cut backs and reductions in spending but when all the words float away and the actual numbers in the budget appear the totals are higher than the previous budget and so it goes. Administration gets fatter while the real needs become greater. The following articles are vignettes of change - both positive and negative - in social system practices today.

Personal Futures Planning

Personal Futures Planning (PFP) is a new concept on treatment planning. Often call individual care plan or personal care plan these are written statements about what care providers think is best for a consumer. Some of these plans are developed with input from the consumer others are not. It depends on the philosophy of the organization providing the service. While more time intensive at the origin, PFP is more concerned with how a person is doing in their daily life than what the service manuals dictate.

"The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill reports that one-third more mentally ill individuals live in jails than in mental hospital."

In the PFP model, care providers go to the consumer in their home and interact with the person, their family, neighbors, and friends to determine what is actually happening. The find out what is working in the consumers life and where changes, if any, can be made. The outline that follows [on page three] contrasts the differences in the two methodologies.

The old concept assumes that reliable and effective service results from hierarchical structures controlled by experts who find answers by standard examination.(Welk & Browning 1986). Impersonal statements, standardized scores, quantified objectives, linear logic, and appeals to authority shape the plan. In PFP the assumption is based on collaboration across boundaries and is influenced by shared visions and shaped by nego-

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LETTERS

Calling Mr. Jones

Dear Readers:

Works In Progress wishes to apologize to Jim Jones (not his real name). He wrote a letter to *WIP* this last month regarding an article in September's issue. Mr. Jones' was concerned that we had placed on the front page an article he considered scandal sheet material and beneath *WIP* quality. Unfortunately, we lost it.

Last month we put out a progressive alternative press survey to all such on the West Coast from British Columbia to California. We're pretty sure Mr. Jones' letter was accidently included in a survey packet mailed to California last week. We hope to recover the letter, but it will be too late for this issue.

Mr. Jones, if you still have the letter on disk, we would appreciate it if you would send us another copy just in case we can't find the first.

Once again, our apologies.

(The Letter, cont. from page one)

lems in any other fashion than close lipped denial. A lesbian speaking at St. Martin's would not be a scandal at a sexually healthy institution.

With so many people such as *The Olympian's* editor and the monks and trustees of St. Martin's wishing to censor information, the abuses just continue.

If anyone is interested in writing to St. Martin's regarding this issue, the two individuals who seem most responsible for the lack of accountability are the Abbot Neal Roth and the head of at the abbey, Fr. Alfred. Fr. Alfred seems to be the power at the abbey these days, but that's another story.

Anyone who has abuse issues with the monks of St, Martin's Abbey and would like to communicate with Reverend Dreyer, may write to him in care of Works In Progress at PO Box 295, Olympia, WA 98507. ◆

Health care

New Politics: Applying Business Concepts to Non-Business Activities

Joel Montague

While President of the US, Calvin Coolidge proclaimed, "The business of America is business." He wasn't the first nor the last to make that observation.

De Toqueville, a Frenchman, who came in 1831 to study American prisons and returned to France to write Democracy in America, (the most insightful early book, still widely quoted) observed, "I know of no other country, indeed, where the love of money has taken stronger hold on the affections of men..."

The British observer, James Bryce, visited the US in 1870, 1881, and 1883-4. He informed his readers, "The fault which Americans are most frequently accused of, is the worshipping of wealth." *(The American CommonWealth, vol. II)*

By elaborating the concept of "pecuniary emulation" Thorstein Veblen (American, if you don't recognize the name) pictured the whole society as being infused with the acquisitive spirit (1899-on).

Dr Earl Klee, UC Berkeley, observes "Americans do not regard business activity (buying, selling, trading, investing, making a profit) as a separate category of human activity." *Politics, An American Perspective*, 1989.

With this long enduring aberrant strain in our culture, it was not difficult for the Gingrich new-right "groupies" to apply economic concepts and procedures, such as "cost/benefit analysis" to a wide spectrum of political, social, and humanitarian functions of government. Newt, himself, provides the most preposterous example of the transfer of business concepts to non-business human activities. In his over-hyped book, *To Renew America*, he proposes that health care reform can best be accomplished by encouraging "entrepreneurism" and by the autonomous working of "market forces." And then, for readers left in a state of awe, he provides a simplistic illustration. The choice, he says, is "...between the Canadian system and Wal-Mart."

If that is the choice, it is facile. Who wants a health care system organized as a nation-wide private profit-making corporation devoted to cut-throat competition and mass merchandising? That's entrepreneurism all right — please, not in my backyard.

Medicine is a profession, not a business. Health care must be carried on in keeping with the Hippocratic oath, not by Adam Smith's market forces and cost/benefit analysis. This is the kind of "econo-politics, which insists upon the application of cost/benefit analysis to everything from the immunization of children, clean water and meat inspection to safer airports. The trouble is you can't quantify human costs.

Cost/benefit analysis is an economic procedure which is properly applied to such problems as: how deep to spread manure. ◆

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Community radio belongs to all of us. We all have a stake in ensureing its resource health. The KAOS Fall Membership Drive begins Friday, October 13th and continues through Thursday, October 26, 1995. Become a human participant in your social and political system. Support KAOS by calling ina pledge at 866-KAOS.

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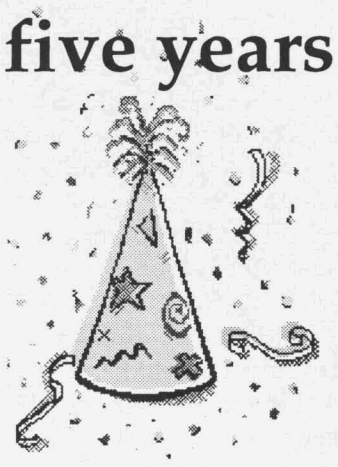

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Fleetwood Update

The Fleetwood Apartments will get the $450,000 in state grant monies that was being held up by the Thurston County Commissioners, awaiting the of the Olympia City Council's recommendation. Thanks go to many!!

This is a victory for all. These forty three units will be affordable to homeless people living at or below 50% of the median income, right where the greatest housing need exists. Meanwhile some new development money and jobs will come to the community as the Fleetwood building is remodeled.

We appreciate that the funding for the Fleetwood has been released and that the project can move forward. This will be a great place to live for 43 individuals in 1996. We need to multiply this effort to cover women and children, families, older, and single adults, to meet the need for affordable housing in Thurston County.

The Federal Building Sacrifice

I regret that LIHI/we had to give up a free and clear title to the Federal Building, in order to get support from the city and county for the Fleetwood project. The needs of homeless individuals around the state might have been more effectively met with skills training, business incubators, a state gallery for the amazing art-work produced by the homeless, as well as direct services, information gathering, resources and statewide outreach. Who knows what might have been accomplished inside the walls of the Federal Building, in a sincere effort to eliminate Homelessness and it's causes in Washington State.

When will we apply preventative measures before a problem becomes overwhelming?

It will take a focused effort to alleviate the tremendous pressure and burden created by our current economic restructuring and downsizing. Joblessness and homelessness is still an explosive and growing problem in Washington, as it is around most of the United States.

Meanwhile, the urgent shelter need.

You'll recall that this effort began as a result of there not being enough immediate emergency shelter space for homeless individuals back in 1993, when the men's shelter at the First Baptist Church closed. We are once again facing a winter without adequate shelter for the homeless population in Thurston County. Where in Thurston County can we safely house these people this winter?

If you have time, ideas, thoughts to share, or energy to give to housing homeless individuals during the 1995-96 winter, please call the Emergency Habitat number at 705-8712.

There is so much work to be done, and no shortage of people available to do the work. Now we must see that the work that needs to be done, gets done. We need to re think our priorities so that more needed work can be paid work. Let's produce fewer widgets and give more to sustaining human life.

We would like to thank all the supporters who came forward to give time, prayers, money, and public support to the Fleetwood Apartment Project. We must continue to address the basic survival needs of all of our citizens. As in the Chinese (blessing/curse?), "May you live in interesting times." We do!!

Letitia Flynt
Friends of the Fleetwood

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tiation of multiple differences. Consumer input is the base line in this concept and one that is support by Capital Clubhouse.

Local RSN engaged in lawsuit and other troubles

There has been a new idea in how funding gets from the Federal level to the consumer. It is through the state, then to the county, then to the service care providers via county managed regional support network (RSN).The idea is to let local governments be in control of the tax and Federal revenue sharing dollars. It is believed that problems and programs should be managed at the local level. This is suppose to be less costly for the tax payer.

However it doesn't appear to be working that way here in Thurston county. Our local RSN, under the supervision of Mary Williams has gotten itself embroiled in a lawsuit with Dave Wurm, former Omsbuds, that it will probably loose.

It seems that the RSN refused to allow its Omsbuds to get federally mandated training. Refused to let them serve in their capacity as independent entities. Wurm was vocal in his denial for training. After several rounds of verbal and written exchanges he was fired. Wurm retained Mike Clark for counsel and Mr. Clark's response to going public with an article said the more (articles)the better.

There were other issues besides training. One was the mandated need for the Omsbuds and quality review team(QRT) to be housed away from the RSN and that they should report to the Mental Health Division and not to the RSN. This has yet to be accomplished.

Separation of the different offices was thought necessary if the omnibus was to be able to resolve consumer issues in an unbiased manner. Similarly, The QRT was to be unbiased as it is supposed to review programs and make recommendations to the RSN about programs and funding.

Recently, September 14, 1995 Mary Williams did not send the current persons filling those roles to training that was Federally mandated. This action was protested by consumers. A petition was sent to Mary Sarno, DSHS, Division of Mental Health asking that she take action. To date there has been no response.

There are service contracts that have not been signed off on. There are monies that have not been allocated. There are well outfitted offices and another level of administration in the mental health system. There are also less direct consumer services. What we want to know is when does it stop?

Prisons are the new mental hospitals

The National Alliance for Mentally Ill reports that one third more mentally ill individuals live in jails than in mental hospitals. Dale L. Johnson, Past President of NAMI, reported in his closing letter to the membership of that organization.

Johnson also state that,"In spite of the billions of dollars spent to create a better system, we have flawed public policy and a failed mental health system."

His letter went on to outline steps NAMI has taken to help combat the system. They have a new legal department to help person receive treatment on incarceration. They are demanding legal reform in all states. NAMI is advocating for state protection and advocacy agencies to focus on the needs of the mentally ill who are in jails.

A national survey conducted by NAMI showed that jail officials, police officers and court system want to be partners with NAMI in getting the mentally ill out of the criminal justice system.

It takes community involvement and support to abolish the inhumane and often brutal treatment that is imposed upon many severely mentally ill people.

Here in Thurston county South Sound Advocates has one mental health tech. who works within the county jail system. It is a start but there is much more needed.

Consumer makes a difference

On September 10, a local consumer, Prophet Atlantis received a letter from Carol Hernandez, Director of the Mental Health Division(MHD) stating that his concerns about the process of Counselor Registration in Washington were valid.

The letter went on to state that the MHD has been working with the Department of Health to change the process so that Personal Data Questions on the registration would not reflect discrimination of individuals with disabilities. These changes will bring Washington State in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This is good news for consumers as it will allow them to apply for and receive licensure for professionals in positions which have previously been denied them.

	Old Way	New Way
Why	Routine paper plan in compliance to regulations	Plan responds to real changes in person's life.
Developed by whom?	Professional team; family and person uninvolved.	Voluntary group, via problem solving, based on personal knowledge of the consumer
What Content?	Defines service goals from evaluation of consumers deficiencies.	Creates neighborhood goals from person's capacities and interests.
What roles for consumer and provider?	Provider seen as constant mission to change person to fit service environment	Provider change focus and goals to assist consumer in using resources
Consumer risk?	Exclusion from community, neglect by support institutionalization, missed network. Missed opportunities for growth and skill development due to lack of contact with service system.	

Capital Clubhouse update

With budget cut backs came change for the Clubhouse. The new Manager, Brenda Ryan, is an asset to the organization. Brenda was career administrator and teacher in inner city Los Angles public schools during times of severe budgetary constraints. Her expertise in program planning, development, and execution is broad. she is familiar with consumers as students and parents.

Claiming a management style as communication\facilitor in decision making, Brenda states, "A leader builds consensus."

Originally from Ohio, she attended college at California State University and graduate school at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

In anticipating her new responsibilities, Brenda said, "I'm excited, happy and pleased to be working with the Clubhouse and its members. I have a lot to learn. I'm looking forward to everything we can do together. I enjoy meeting new challenges and seeing what we can do as a group"

The Clubhouse has restructured and regrouped from the blow of budget cuts. It has filed several grant proposals. The most notable is Community Block Grants to purchase its own building. After five years of service to its members it is time they have a permanent home.

The Clubhouse still needs volunteers and donations. With a new Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy McGrath there have been changes in how the Clubhouse can train and utilize volunteers and donations. Nancy comes from a background of volunteer service through her church and has worked in public schools in Olympia. She has given the members a sense of direction and they are feeling like their program is doing better. ◆

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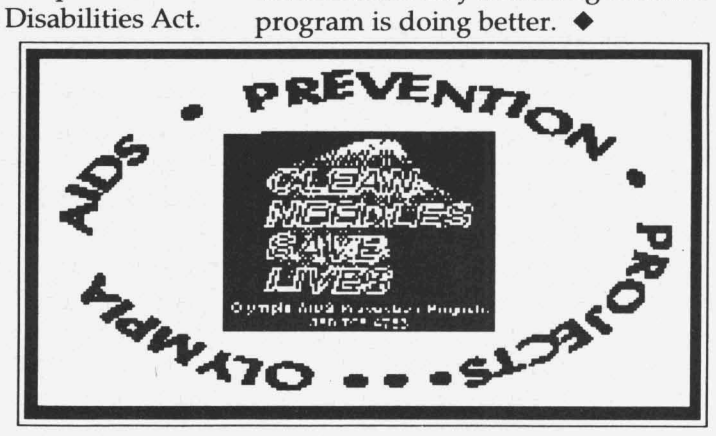
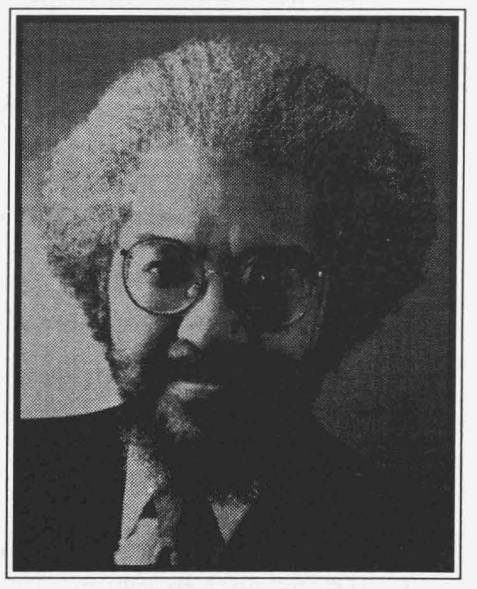


Along the Color Line

Million Man March: an Analysis of Black Protest



Dr. Manning Marable

The national mobilization to build support for the "Million Man March" on Washington D.C. , scheduled for October 16, is rapidly building momentum. Led by Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam and former NAACP national secretary, Benjamin Chavis, the march has captured the awareness and interest of thousands of African-Americans. The call for the Million Man March comes at a critical moment of crisis in the political history of our people. We can understand and appreciate the meaning of this mobilization, its possibilities and its problems, by grounding ourselves in the historical traditions of black struggle.

The best historical parallel with the Million Man March is provided by the famous "Negro March on Washington" mobilization of June, 1941. On the eve of the Second World War, black trade union leader A. Phillip Randolph issued a series of demands against the Roosevelt administration. His chief aims were: the outlawing of government contracts in defense-related industries which practiced racial discrimination in hiring; the abolition racially segregated units in the US armed forces; and an executive order abolishing Jim Crow segregation in every department of the Federal government. To obtain these, Randolph promised to bring one hundred thousand black people to Washington, D. C.

The March mobilization was all black. White progressives could offer political and material support, but they weren't allowed to join the protest. Randolph explained: "We believe that Negroes need an all-Negro movement, just the Jews had a Zionist movement. We believe that Negroes should supply the money and pay the price, make the sacrifices, to break down the barriers to a realization of full citizenship rights of America." At the last moment, the Roosevelt administration agreed to sign Executive Order 8802, desegregating employment in wartime factories, and action creating hundreds of thousnads of jobs for African Americans. The March was called off, but it achieved a major political objective.

We must access the current effort to mobilize African Americans today against the historical standard of Randolph and the events of 1941. To date, the March has been endorsed by a broad spectrum of African Americans. On the left, Harvard professor Cornel West, author of Race Matters, has expressed solidarity for the March. West states: " This march is for anyone who has been disrespected, denigrated and disregarded. It`s about us coming together for the sake of the true, the beautiful, and the good."

NAACP acting executive director Earl Shinholster informed The Final Call that he endorsed the March and planned to be an active participant". Civil rights veteran Dorothy Height and the National Council of Negro Women endorsed the March, as have Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry and Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton. An impressive network of local organizing committees has been formed across black America.

Black Progressive organizer Bob Brown has been hired to coordinate the March's office in Washington, D.C. Chavis has travelled tirelessly throughout the country promoting the March. Yet the real authority behind this mobilization is one man—Louis Farrakhan. While many African Americans respect Farrakhan's individual charisma, oratorical skill and his message of racial pride and self help, one can exaggerate his organizational clout. By comparison, the soft-spoken Islamic leader Warith D. Muhammad, the son of Elijah Muhammad, has a much greater following among black American Muslims.

The fundamental problem which advocates of the March must address, however, is its agenda and message. Chavis has defined three specific objectives for the March: "atonement with God and one another; a drive to register eight eight million new black voters, and a search for black fathers for 25,000 children, mostly male, who need families."

Let's consider this agenda. Spirituality is at the center of the black protest tradition: all of us certainly favor the development of strong black extended families, communities and institutions. But self-help and individual effort, while important, don't fully address the structures of power which perpetuate black oppression. Black people don't own the companies which produce millions of firearms which kill thousands of our young people. We don't control the banks which deny us credit and capital; we don't control the tons of drugs pumped into our communities. We don't control the courts and prisons which "warehouse" hundreds of thousands of black men.

Instead of "atonement", we should march to Washington to indict the real criminals: The racist, reactionary Republican Congress; the failures of the Clinton Administration; a bankrupt two-party system; The corporations and the wealthy who profit from black unemployment, imprisonment and exploitation. Remember that in 1941, Randolph challenged the government. Today, we need a March which has progressive public policy agenda, including demands for full employment, universal health care, housing and a vigorous defense of affirmative action. This is part of the reason that Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, among others, have been noncommittal about the March. To be effective, the March should have a much broader character, reaching blacks in organized labor, nationalists formations, women`s groups. and a whole range of organizations.

The March's position on African-American women is equally problematic. Telling our sisters to "stay at home and pray" while brothers march seems anachronistic and reactionary. We should remember the unique contributions and insights of sisters Ella Baker, who helped define the Civil Rights Movement. We need to challenge the organizers of this March to recognize that only on the basis of unity in action, as full partners and participants in struggle and resistance, can African Americans overcome sexism and women's inequality.

The 1941 all-black March on Washington tells us that struggle is the best and only means for an oppressed people to gain their freedom. Hopefully in 1995, we will struggle to achieve that same level of commitment to political resistance.

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Undoubtedly, within weeks, the national media will launch a campaign among national black leaders in politics, business and entertainment, demanding that they publicly "denounce" the Million Man March. The March will be attacked as an action of "self-segregation", because it is all-black. Prominent blacks will be humiliated and pressured to step forward, to deplore the anti-Semitism of Farrakhan, to condemn the questionable leadership of Chavis, to tell patient, long-suffering blacks to "stay Home'.

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We may experience a replay of the sad and sorry events surrounding the June, 1994 African American Leadership Summit in Baltimore, when a historic meeting of black representatives reflecting a wide spectrum of interests and constituencies was stereotyped and smeared solely due to Farrakhan's presence. Last year, only two members of the forty-member Congressional Summit even attended the Summit and retreated from an honest dialog with Farrakhan, at least Congresswoman Cynthia was honest: "Because weak-kneed politicians can't stand up to some heat."

Let's clear the air, once and for all. Anti-Semitism has never been a widespread movement of bigotry among African Americans. That's not to say that anti-Semitism does not exist within the black community. When one listens to Khalid Abdul Mohammad of the nation of Islam describe Jews as "bloodsuckers of the black nation", that's anti-Semitism. Over the years, Farrakhann has vigorously denied being anti-Jewish. Yet he continues to make statements which seem to many as blatantly anti-Semitic. For example, Farrakhan made this statement in a New York City speech in 1986: "Jesus was hated by the Jews. I am your last chance, Jews. You can't say "Never again to God, 'cause when he puts you in the oven, you are in one indeed."

As deplorable and detestable as anti-Semitism is, as well as white racism and all forms of intolerance and prejudice, that doesn't negate Farrakhan's enormous power and prestige among significant sectors of black America. Black people don't listen to Farrakhan because of his anti-Semitism. They listen to him partially because the traditional civil rights establishment and most black elected officials have failed miserably in providing any effective leadership or vision. They listen because the economic and social conditions are so oppressive within our communities, that they are desperately searching for solutions. They listen because the white political establishment and the media constantly attack Farrakhan, and in doing so, reinforce the aura of his legitimacy among many black folk

In the aftermath of last year's Baltimore summit, journalist Carl T. Rowan spoke for millions of African Americans who were disgusted with the media attacks against black leaders like Chavis who engaged in a dialogue with Farrakhan. Jewish protest against the 1994 National Summit "sends a signal that some Jews will cripple or destroy anything that is black in their zeal to punish anyone black who expressed anti-Semitic or racist views." Hardly a black radical, Rowan for years has been identified with coalitions with whites and conservative integrationism But even Rowan was embittered by the fact that "many blacks, I among them, resent the repeated suggestions that to avoid being considered anti-Semitic they have given a speech or written a column disavowing every anti-Jewish tirade by every black demagogue... A black coalition for justice, "Rowan concluded, "is being poisoned, tragically undermined, by the gross overreactions of a few Jews who want to decree who can speak on a black college campus, or who can attend a meeting of black leaders, or how much affirmative-action black job-seekers can enjoy

Rowan's comments are illuminating, but inaccurate. The primary political opponents of the black freedom movement are white conservatives in the political system and the corporate establishment, some of whom happen to be Jewish. But Jews as group have constantly been far more supportive of African American candidates for public office, for example,

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(Million Man, continued)

than non-Jewish whites. Anti-Semitism works against the best interests of the black community, in part, because it undermines the ethical and moral foundations of our historic critique against injustice and intolerance.

Nevertheless, black people cannot afford the political luxury not to talk to one another, and we should never apologize for doing so. If black nationalists, moderate integrationists and blacks favoring political transformation and radical democracy can agree, for example, on strategies to uproot deadly drugs within our community , then we must work aggressively in concert. If we determine strategies to pool our resources to build strong black institutions, let us proceed.

But we should not pretend that there aren't genuine and deep ideological differences between black leadership and organizations, No one should have a monopoly of how "blackness" is defined. And no one should be condemned for frankly stating, in a principled manner, where we may agree and disagree.

One of the most frequently-raised questions concerning the March are finances—who will profit from the transportation arrangements for the thousands of participants, and who is actually providing the funds for staffing the national mobilization effort? The Nation of Islam clearly is carrying the greatest financial burden to make the March a reality. But we need to ask what permanent contribution the March can make toward black economic self determination,

The Million Man March is right in expressing the desire for us to go to Washington D.C., inspired by struggle and resistance to our oppression. There's a need to go to Washington, to denounce the Republicans' "Contract on America." It's essential to go to Washington, when black unemployment is over twice the rate of whites'; when hundreds of thousands of young black men are being warehoused in prisons, denied jobs and hope. But let us go with an agenda for militant action, a commitment against sexism, and a voice favoring strong black institutions and progressive political change.

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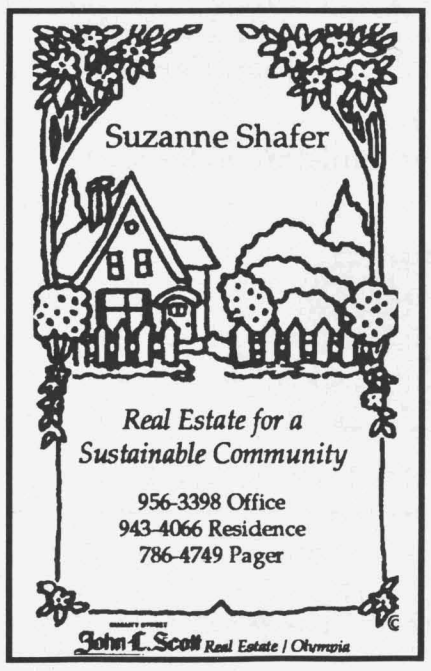


Fiction

The Knights of Mlwyar

Sundown Brown

"Scholar, warrior, gentleman, King: he was all these, and more. Yet, more than anything, Xan Ore Leland de K`Dela was a man." –"Xan of Mlwyar" by the Princess Linda

Chapter One

The Animal of the Heir

Lieutenant Princess Linda Xhosa de Soong was of medium height, muscular, with dark sloe eyes. She was still unpacking when the doorbell buzzed.

"Come in!"

The door slid aside, and her new roommate walked in, lugging a duffle bag. He too was of medium height, and lean; his dress blues were a little baggy. He looked sweaty and tired, but he grinned and extended his hand. "Hi, I'm Xan K`Della."

She took it. "Linda Soong."

He leaned against the wall, mopping his face with a blue bandanna. "Pleased to meet you. Damn, its hot." He reached into the bag and came up with a canteen. He unscrewed the cap and drank deeply, his Adam`s apple bobbing.

She stared at him. Heirs to the Realm didn't act like this...and where was his bodyguard?

He's even good looking!

"Since you`re on the right, I guess I'm on the left." He picked up the bag and went into the other bedroom. "Excuse me, but I really need to crash. See you when I awake."

The door closed behind him. She stared. 'Xan Ore Leland de 'Kela, Heir to the Realm, Prince of Westner, Guardian of the Faith is my roommate.' She sat on her foot locker, a wry smile on her lips: 'Mom will be so proud'

The bungalow was dark, cool and quiet when K'Dela awoke. He opened his eyes but lay still, orienting himself. From the academy he'd hitched a ride aboard the destroyer Biko, outbound from Galactic Center. The Biko arrived for its duty at Harrison Corpsbase, and after a six-hour layover he had met the cruiser Gloucester. Gloucester finished her shore leave and streaked out to the stars, dropping him at Douglass Corpsbase. Four days later , en route to explore unknown space, the Leland dropped him here, Henson Corpsbase, on the frontier planet Volko II. It was a hot, arid world on the fringes of the realm, and Henson established to supply the Monarch class starships exploring out there. Volvo II itself was uninhabited until the Marines came and built Henson five years ago.

K'Dela listened, pleased by the quiet. He got up, showered and changed into civvies , blue St. Laurent shorts with a loose khaki silk shirt. He padded barefoot into the galley, found a GI glass and looked in the cooler. There was ice in the top drawer , and he smiled. In his room, he poured from the bottle of the Glensivet and sipped. 'I wonder where Linda is. Hope I don't scare her off.'

Drink in hand, he sat down at his terminal and encrypted a short message;

Dear Mon and Dad; I'm here at Heenson, got in about 2030. Hectic trip out but everything ok in the end; looks like I've got a good roommate. More after I report in tomorrow. Love."

He signed off and sent the message, using the secret frequency used by the Royal Family. It had been installed at Henson by the Royal Scribe, Duchess Fatima Cordoba de K'Delta, who had posed as common marine engineer a year ago during "routine maintenance" of Henson's communications array. Only the base commander, Rear Admiral Charles Li, knew about it. K'Dela smiled, remembering the scene with his father at the Academy following his graduation weeks ago.

"No, guards, I agreed to," the King had growled. No favors, your own career, no interference, I agreed to. Even assignment to that waterless rock in the middle of nowhere-

His mother, the Queen, nodded.

"—I agreed to. But, by God, you will have the frequency. Aside from the obvious reasons, you`re our son.

The Queen nodded again.

"OK"

K'Dela chuckled at the memory and hung up another shirt.

Across the compound, in the bedroom of his own bungalow,

admiral Li sat reading. He was naked except for gray marine issue shorts. He read by lamplight; his wife slept nearby.

ROYAL MARINE CORPS
RECORD OF SERVICE

K'Dela, XAN ORE LELAND 041
Lieutenant Prince
EDUCATION Royal Marine Academy Honors in history & Logistics, Manager of Academy Recreation Center, Writer's Club, Pgin Club, Cycling Team (Captain, senior year).

Li raised an eyebrow. If the kid had worked for Snapper Bosmo at the REc, he was no slouch. Snapper didn't put up with slackers, and she didn't play favorites, either. He gleaned at the chrono—it was the wee hours now on Gallactic Center, but he'd call Snapper later.

QUALIFICATIONS Ranger, Master Pilot, Master Driver. Master Swordsman (Tsukasa). Expert
LANGUAGES: Mlwayan, Pgin, Chinese

There was a list of awards, then the kid's Academy evaluations. He'd taken the courses, worked hard; Li knew some of his teachers. He got up, padded into the center room and called the common shack.

"Henson Corpsbase."

"Evening, General Would you please signal Admiral Smith, Ranger School, on GC? She`ll be up by the time it comes in."

"Right away , Sir."

"Li out.'

He'd just resumed his seat when it whistled. He glanced at Helen, but she slept on. "Li here "

The screen lit, showing a round brown face above a Marine blue T-shirt. Vice

Admiral Duchess Kerry Nwembe smiled. "Good morning Admiral."

Li smiled back. "Your Grace is up early."

"Principal`s work is never done, I'm afraid. How`re things out there?"

"Quiet. The Heir arrived earlier today."

"He`s well?"

"I believe. He`a going to report in later today."

" Just thought I'd call. He`s good Admiral. He really worked while he was here. Even Admiral Smith spoke well of him."

Li stroked his graying mustache. "Your Grace, why did you send him here?"

Nwembe became serious. "I`ll answer—but this is just between you and me, Charles."

"Yes, of course." On his console the red SCRAMBLE light went on

"One day he will be King," Nwembe said. "He will be a great one—but until then he needs seasoning. Experience."

"Its not safe out here, your Grace. We`re under strength and we`re still not sure if we have neighbors or not. To be frank, although nothings happened of note here yet, I would not care to have to explain to his and her majesty how their son was killed."

"You`ve got the quietest base on the Frontier, and the Gloucester`s arc is shorter this time. The Kenyette is en route to you with two more fighter squadrons. You`ll be fine. And don`t coddle him, Admiral."

Admiral, he's the Heir!"

"This comes from the Palace, Admiral. We didn` t coddle him here, and he needs to get his hands dirty if he`s going to learn anything. Give him a job and put him to work."

"Aye, aye, sir. But what about security? No bodyguard?"

"Is your base insecure, Admiral?"

Li reddened. "It`s as secure as we can make it, sir. But—"

The duchess' expression softened. "I know how you feel, Charley. I felt the same way when they sent him here. But he insists on having a real career in the Marines. Wants to be an Explorer, and the Palace can't talk him out of it. Media's insane with it—watch out, they'll be there soon." Li groaned.

The Duchess chuckled. "Anything else, Admiral?"

"Nothing further at the time, sir."

Good luck, Charley. Call me—or the Princess Leiana—if you need anything. We'll stay in touch."

"Aye, Aye, sir."

"Nwembe out."

... to be continued.

Bear Butchery in British Columbia

Julie Draper

Killing animals for profit and entertainment is big business in British Columbia, Canada. As wild species begin to disappear in other parts of the world, the "safari mentality" has pointed its scope at the remaining wildlife in BC.

Any nonresident wishing to hunt in BC must hire a guide outfitter to go out on a killing excursion. Going after the "Big One", clients travel with their guides along shorelines by boat or through clear-cuts by truck, to bag a healthy animal and take home their trophy. They are not killing to feed themselves or their family — this is a sport designed for the rich. Foreign clients are often from the United States, Europe and Japan. The hunting excursion includes staying in motels and eating restaurant food. Many of these trips are designed around the kill, meaning, if a client kills a bear immediately, he leaves to make room for anew client. "Assembly line killing", one might say. The Provincial Government of BC divides the province into territories, and the killing rights within these territories are then sold to private companies. Real estate agents regularly offer these hunting territories "for sale" on international markets. Many of these guide outfitting licenses in BC are foreign owned.

Foreign businesses that promote killing wildlife in BC can be targeted. This in turn will pressure our government into realizing that killing animals for entertainment is totally unacceptable now, as the Earth and all its beings struggle to survive.

At Bear Watch, we are fed up with government sanctioned killing, and we have taken a stand against the trophy killing of Black Bears. Bear Watch was formed in 1988 by a group of residents of Clayoquot Sound, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. We began interfering with hunts conducted by the guide outfitter that "owned" our territory. Following the guides and clients in our boats, we made noises to scare the bears feeding along the shoreline back into the safety of the forest. For thousands of years the bears have left their winter dens, still sleepy, to eat grasses and crabs, unharassed, and therefore they are extremely easy targets to those hunting by boat.

Since the inception of Bear Watch, we have launched many campaigns and actions to arouse public awareness and to change some laws. Our actions have always been nonviolent, though several times these actions have led to arrests of the Bear defenders. One of our strategies involves maintaining a presence between the bears and the hunters' guns, but we have not always been successful. In 1992, Bear Watch caught up with American hunters returning from a kill. Although we were not able to protect that bear, we managed to retrieve the "trophy" — the head and skin — and took it to a native family. There, a ceremony of respect was performed for the Bear's spirit, and, later, it was laid to rest in a cave.

In the sprint-time of 1994, dedicated activists patrolling the numerous inlets of Clayoquot Sound were horrified to come across hunters emerging from the bush with a bear's head and skin draped over their shoulders. The carcass had been left behind, so a decision was made to take it to Victoria (Capitol City of BC), and display it at the door of the Wildlife Branch. Politicians were coaxed from their offices to view the freshly killed animal, to see first hand what their laws condone.

Media coverage was excellent, and the citizens of BC learned that trophy killing was not only legal in BC, but they witnessed Ray Halladay, director of the Wildlife Branch, announce that "killing bears for trophies is something which society has deemed acceptable and so it goes on. Should society decide otherwise, the regulations will change." An avalanche of letters and calls flooded his office, but only one law has changed: hunters must now remove the edible portion of the animal and take it with them.

There are only 148 conservation officers in BC responsible for thousands of hectares of wilderness, and they are usually at their desks. Who is going to enforce the law?

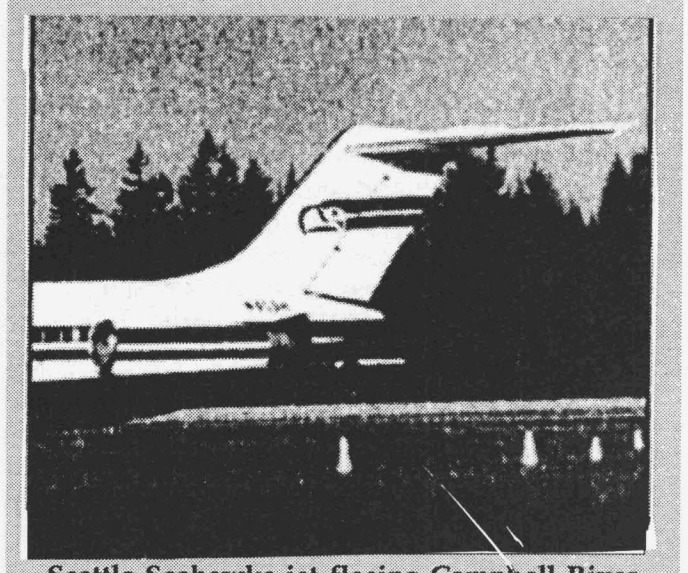
Seven years of research has uncovered some very unpleasant information. Guide outfitting brochures brag about guaranteed successful kills! Black Bears that square over seven feet! The going rate for one black bear is $3000 (US). If the client has the urge to kill again, the second bear is an additional $1500.

Although the province of BC has never done a population study, it continues to issue 20,000 annual licenses, including 2000 to foreigners, for the killing of black bears. Hunters are not required to report their kills, so, combined with poaching, urban sprawl, diminishing habitat and disappearing salmon stocks, bears are facing a dismal future. Bear Watch is dedicated to supporting the black bear; we feel that trophy hunting's bloody chapter in humanity's rampage against Nature must end.

Julie works with Bear Watch, which can be reached at Box 405, Ganges P.O., Saltspring Island, V8k 2WI, BC, Canada • 800/836-5501.

"For thousands of years the bears have left their winter dens, still sleepy, to eat grasses and crabs, unharassed, and therefore they are extremely easy targets to those hunting by boat."

Bear Watch reports that four executives from the Seattle Seahawks football team, including owner, Ken Behring, killed four black bears near Campbell River, BC, on Vancouver Island. The football executives flew into the Campbell River airport in the team's private DC-9, apparently the largest plane ever at the airport, and were taken on their bear killing expedition by Zarco Wildlife, a Mexican-owned, American-run guide outfitting company which controls one-third of the hunting territory rights for Vancouver Island.



Seattle Seahawks jet fleeing Campbell River, BC, with four dead bears on board.

This business offers guide packages for hunting bears in BC:

Zarco Wildlife
204 Flecha Lane
Laredo, TX 78041
USA

The director of Zarco is Alberto Alarcon, and the owner is Juan Ramon Zaragoza, a millionaire businessman from Mexico. They will take clients anywhere in the world to kill animals.

The office and manager for all Vancouver Island hunts is:

Mike Chains
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Structural Adjustment Programs In Nicaragua

Jerry Smith

As citizens of the world, we need to look beyond our own borders at events occurring in other countries. Often their situations are a mirror of things happening in our own country, but we are too close to see them clearly.

In Nicaragua, along with more than 70 other countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe, the World bank and the International Monetary fund have required that Structural Adjustment Programs be undertaken as conditions of bank loans.

A typical Structural Adjustment Program (SAP) requires the following measures as conditions of loans being granted:

Currency Devaluation: Local currency is devalued to reduce the trade imbalance in the country. Devaluation seeks to increase exports by making their production more profitable.

Tight Control of money supply and domestic credit: This control is based upon the belief that inflation is the result of too much money circulating in the economy. A secondary reaction is that banks have less money to loan.

Price Liberalization: Price controls and subsidies are eliminated to allow prices to rise and production to increase.

Deregulation of the financial sector: This step allows the market to determine interest rates, causing people to save more money. Credit is issued to only those ventures which are deemed the most profitable.

Reductions in controls on trade and exchange: Done to facilitate the country's entry into the world economy. SAPs demand that protective tariffs and import quotas be reduced or phased out.

Cuts in government spending: SAPs require that governments balance their budgets through raising taxes and cutting government spending. This requirement is usually met by cutting social services that include health care and education.

Privatization of government industries: Allows private companies to buy government ventures which have proven to be profitable. Such a step brings income to the government and reduces the size of the government.

Export promotion: This step is done to bring in hard currency to repay loans and import capital goods. Loans for export crops are prioritized over loans for food raised for domestic consumption.

A great deal of this program appears to resemble the infamous "Contract With America." The unstated goals of all these measures appear to be "open up your markets for unrestricted competition from multinational corporations."

In Nicaragua, Structural Adjustment Programs (SAPs) imposed by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund since 1990 have caused unemployment to skyrocket to nearly 60%, leaving many families without food, housing and or other basic necessities. As a condition of these SAPs, public spending for education and health care have been cut, wages suppressed, trade restrictions liberalized and government enterprises sold to the private sector. SAPs are truly "War Against the Poor," yet when the head of IMF visited Nicaragua, he stated "The poor must suffer more."

At the Olympia Center, October 10th, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., the Thurston Santo Tomas Sister County Association will hold a free public meeting on World Bank and International Monetary Fund policies, particularly Structural Adjustment Programs.

Representatives from Santo Tomas, Nicaragua will be at the meeting to answer questions about how SAPs are impacting Nicaragua.

A video produced by Maryknoll Productions on World Bank and IMF policies, "Banking on Life and Debt" will be shown. The video demonstrates how the lives of millions of children are sacrificed for financial stability.

One particularly onerous feature of these loans is the lack of bankruptcy or default as a protection against unscrupulous lenders or loan agreements.

The U.S. is the most powerful single nation in both the IMF and the World Bank. Congress appropriates tax dollars to the IMF and the World Bank. The president of the World Bank is traditionally from the United States. The US Executive Directors to both of these organizations are federal Treasury Department employees.

On October 9, 10, and 11, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund will hold their annual meeting in opulent surroundings in Washington D.C., far from the unfortunate poor whose lives they have so heavily impacted. The officials will also be safely isolated from the American taxpayer.

As people of conscience, we need to become well-informed and work for change in international monetary policies. Please join us in becoming informed so that we may work for that change. ◆

Take Action Against the World Bank and International Monetary Fund

Michael Harburg and Glen Anderson

The annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB) will be held on October 9th in Washington D.C. A coalition of peace and justice groups is using this opportunity to send a message of protest against the current unjust policies of these global institutions. At the heart of this protest is an effort to pressure U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Robert Rubin, to reassess their economic policies in light of the suffering of the world's poor.

The plan is to flood Secretary Rubin's office with letters or faxes in the week of October 2-6.

The World Bank and IMF profess to use their lending to promote development among the Third World, but their policies often produce more suffering and hardship of the poor majority in those countries. Rather than achieving the stated goals of prosperity and stability, these institutions have made the rich richer and the poor poorer. As a condition of granting some debt relief and new loans, the IMF and WB get power over poor countries' economic systems. Through SAPs, the IMF and WB have forced debtor countries to grow food for export rather than local consumption, cut health and education, slash real wages, displace more than 2.5 million people, and destroy ecosystems. The net result is that money flows from poor nations to rich nations — the opposite of what most Americans assume. Our federal taxes pay for these abuses.

The United States has a controlling interest in these two institutions. Hence, activists are planning a nationwide campaign to pressure Secretary Rubin to make changes in the modus operandi of these misguided institutions.

The plan is to flood Secretary Rubin's office with letters or faxes telling him that we want a World Bank that is responsive to the needs of the poor, not the wealthy bankers. Particularly, contact him in the week of October 2-6, before the October 9th meeting.

Under the guise of helping the poor, the World Bank and the IMF have brought increased hardship to millions of impoverished people, while keeping the dollars flowing from the Third World into the pockets of the already rich First World investors. This needs to change. If each of us writes one letter or one fax it will help start the long process toward real reform.

Robert Rubin
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Washington DC 20220
202/622-5300 • fax 202/622-0073

For more information contact the 50 Years is Enough Campaign at 1025 Vermont Ave NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20005 202/IMF-BANK • fax 202/879-3186

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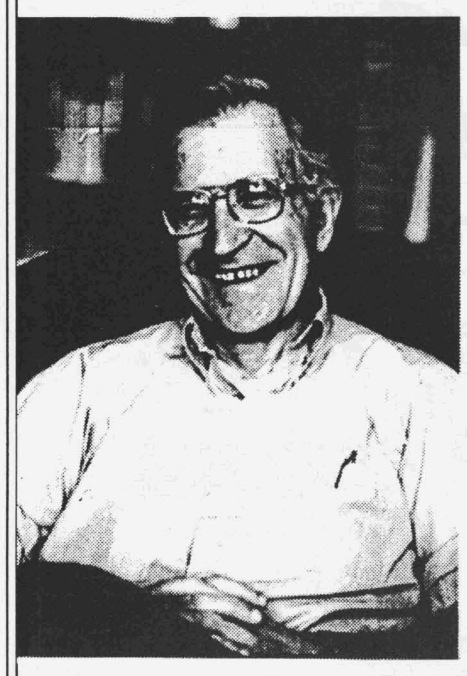

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Exporting Repression

Arms Profits vs. Human Rights

Andrew Wheat

In the absence of a firm post-Cold War arms transfer policy, U.S. arms merchants have moved quickly to expand weapons exports, including to the arms markets that were off-limits to U.S. suppliers before the disintegration of the Warsaw Pact. But that, starting off with weapons makers exploiting a policy vacuum to dramatically expand the U.S. share of the global arms market, has become the de facto policy of the Clinton administration, according to human rights and arms control advocates.

"Now, activists complain that in almost every instance where commercial and human rights interests have competed for Clinton's attention, commerce has prevailed."

The United States delivered 11 percent of the Third World's arms supply just before the Berlin Wall came down in 1989. Last year, it delivered 51 percent of the Third World's arms supply and accounted for 73 percent of arms agreements with the Third World.

On the campaign trail, where he indulged in tough talk about such human rights pariahs as China, Mexico and Serbia, Clinton had given human rights activists hope. Now, activists complain that in almost every instance where commercial and human rights interests have competed for the attention of this president, commerce has prevailed.

"This organization has been critical of the Clinton administration for paying lip service to human rights but not following through with concrete steps that make a difference," says Stephen Goose, the Washington, D.C. director of Human Rights Watch's Arms Project. "Clinton has subverted human rights to commercial concerns. Economic concerns are the driving force behind Clinton's arms policy, such as it is."

Though the Clinton administration has yet to christen a formal arms transfer policy, it has proposed a new policy which will be presented for President Clinton's signature upon the resolution of several outstanding issues, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on

November 15, 1994. Under current official policy, when U.S. firms apply to the government to make a direct commercial sale to a foreign arms buyer, the State Department evaluates whether the sale would promote U.S. foreign policy goals and bolster regional alliances. Under the new policy being finalized, State Department officials also would have to evaluate the importance of a proposed arms export to the economic health of the arms maker in question .

Bullish arms makers

Arms industry lobbyists say they are delighted with the Clinton administration's record. "Clinton has been very helpful through [Commerce Secretary] Ron Brown," says Ana Stout, executive vice president of the American League for Export Assistance, Inc., an industry association that promotes unimpeded defense sales to U.S. "friends and allies."

"We're quite satisfied with what we see the thrust of the policy to be," adds Joel Johnson, vice president for international affairs at the Aerospace Industries Association. "It's 180 degrees different from Carter. They won't throw up obstacles to every arms sale to every country. The Clinton people are very supportive of specific sales. They are more dynamic than any administration we've seen."

Administration officials say that they are no patsies of the industry and that the new commercial arms export criteria will be balanced against traditional considerations involving U.S. alliances and foreign policy goals. Commenting on the role human rights will play in the long-awaited policy, an official in the State Department's Office of Political-Military Affairs says, "Human rights is a very important purpose among many important purposes."

It is still too early to determine what role human rights will play in the administration's new arms policy; much will depend on two kinds of limitations on the foreign market for U.S. arms sales. An external limitation is that many nations that would like to buy more U.S. arms cannot afford them, even though U.S, taxpayers are subsidizing foreign arms purchases to the tune of $4 billion a year, according to Lora Lumpe, an arms exports expert at the Federation of American Scientists (FAS). To address this predicament, the Clinton administration, at the arms industry's prompting, may direct the federal government to provide up to $1 billion more in financing to promote U.S. weapons sales abroad. ◆

Uncle Sam's List of Arms Pariahs

The 1994 $13.8 billion U.S. foreign aid appropriation bill bars military aid to Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Serbia, Sudan, and Syria.

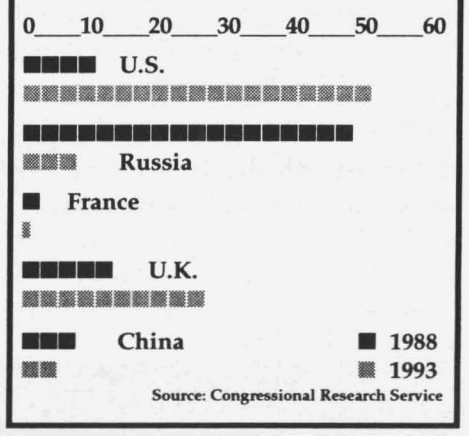
The Foreign Military Financing (FMF) program, whereby the Pentagon buys arms from U.S. producers and resells them abroad, is closed to Guatemala, Liberia, Peru, Sudan, and Zaire.

Two countries are barred from FMF until the Secretary of State certifies that the bulk of the arms will be used for drug interdiction: Bolivia and Colombia.

Source: Arms Sales Monitor

Spoils of the Cold War: Third World Arms Sales

These are conservative data based on arms deliveries to the Third World. By contrast, the United States accounted for 73 percent of all Third World arms export agreements in 1993. Agreements, however, do not always result in deliveries.



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Olympia Political Cultural Center Taking Form

A group of activists working for nearly a year are about to open a Political/Cultural Center in downtown Olympia. It will be a place to hold meetings, house information and resources, and most importantly be a place to hang out and have coffee. It will be called Liberation Cafe and is tentatively scheduled for a grand opening on New Years' Eve.

Of course, Noam Chomsky is coming to aid in the funding of the Cafe and other events and fundraisers are planned. You can become involved in the exciting process of bringing this idea into reality by attending our meetings.

To open we need to have the Cafe stocked and supplied. As a resource center, as a library, as a bookstore, as a meeting place, and as a Cafe, we need a variety of stuff. Here is a partial wish list: tables, big and small; chair, folding and others; bookshelves; computers, televisions, radios, and other electronics; cups, plates, and silverware; espresso machine and refrigerator; and many other things.

If you or your group, organization, and union would like to become a supporter of this endeavor please write or call for information on the Political/Cultural Center at (360) 956-1771, or write OPCC PO Box 295, Olympia, WA 98507-0295.

Next Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 11th 7pm
Olympia Library, downtown

Wednesday, Nov. 1st 7pm
TESC LIB 2218

The Political/Cultural Center is committed to building a culture of resistance and solidarity based on respect, multiculturalism, empowerment, and the self-determination of all people. To that end, the Center is committed to challenging all forms of oppression and encouraging the participation of all people, particularly those who are marginalized by the dominant society. A major purpose of the Center will be to work for an Olympia community and a broader community that is inclusive, equal, and just.

The Political/Cultural Center is an open, accessible place for people to socialize, have fun, play music, watch films, listen to speakers, teach and learn, develop organizing skills, share food, dance, and display and see art.

50 Years is Enough

Discussion On the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Policy in Central America

Friday, October 13th at Noon TESC LIbrary Lobby

Panel Discussion with:

- **Rosario Ibarra de Piedra**
  Speaking on Structured Adjustment in Mexico

Rosario is the first woman to run for President of Mexico and has been active in Human Rights issues throughout Central and South America.

- **Aurora Baez**
  Speaking on the Current Conditions in Nicaragua

Aurora is a Sandinista Activist in Santo Tomas, Nicaragua and a member of her City Council.

- **Peter Bohmer**
  Speaking on the Crimes of the IMF/World Bank

Peter is a Professor of Economics at TESC and a member of the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace.

Sponsored by Coalition with the Indigenous People in Mexico, Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace, 50 Years is Enough Campaign, and **the Thurston Santo Tomas Sister County Association.**

- Rosario Ibarra de Piedra will be speaking at 6pm Friday, October 13th at United Churches, 11th and Capital Way. Dinner will be served.

These events are free and open to the public.

2nd Annual Social Justice and Equality In Olympia Conference
"Fighting Intolerance and Building Community"

Please accept this invitation to become part of the process of planning and/or send a representative from your organization if you work with a community group.

- 2nd Annual Social Justice and Equality In Olympia Conference • "Fighting Intolerance and Building Community" • Saturday, November 4th • all-day conference

Goals:

1) To encourage intercultural, international, and intergenera-tional solidarity, empowerment, and self- determination.

2) Challenge marginalization of the young, impoverished, elderly, people of color, women, and sexual minorities.

3) Challenge official sanctions; e.g. anti-panhandler ordinances, police harassment, and discrimination against youth and the impoverished.

4) To work for an Olympia that is inclusive, equal, and just.

Planning Meetings

Tuesday, October 3rd
8pm at TESC LIB 2118

Tuesday, October 17th
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OMJP meetings start at 7pm

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Leonard Peltier Gives Support for Mumia Abu-Jamal

Arthur J. Miller

When I heard the news that Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Ridge had signed a death warrant for our Brother Mumia Abu-Jamal setting an execution date for August 17th, I immediately thought "What can I do? How can my network become involved." Nearly two decades in prison for a crime I did not commit, my sense of solidarity with Mumia is great. We are men is similar situations, men who fought for justice only to be persecuted by the system, a system that could not silence us. So many African and Native brothers and sisters have been victimized. When does it stop?

Today I take this stand that the African and Native struggles unite, that members of all races, of every sacred color unite. There are many good people in the world, but we are spread out and working on our own issues. If we join hands, mountains will move...We must forget our differences, make the effort to work harder, and save the life of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

There are few human beings with the eloquence and effectiveness to be the voice of the struggle for civil and social rights. Mumia is one of that handful. The world cannot afford to lose him.

– Leonard Peltier

"If we join hands, mountains will move...We must forget our differences, make the effort to work harder, and save the life of Mumia Abu-Jamal."

"All power to the people" a sixteen year old is quoted as saying in a newspaper interview. Those words are used, in part, as a justification for the government's desire to execute an innocent man. What is it in any of these few words that the government fears so? Is it the notion that in fact the government does not speak for the people, but also that the government conspires to suppress the real voices of the people. In this case the voice the government wishes to silence is that of Mumia Abu-Jamal. His voice, because of his writings and broadcast journalism, has been called the "voice of the voiceless". Like Leonard, he is an innocent man who has been framed by the government because of his long struggle for his people against the injustices perpetrated by the oppressors.

Mumia was an active member of the Black Panthers in his youth. He then went on to become an outstanding writer and broadcast journalist, reporting the truth and the struggle of his people. On December 9, 1981, he witnessed a policeman beating his brother. In the following struggle, Mumia was seriously wounded and someone shot the cop. A number of witnesses stated that they saw someone other than Mumia shooting the cop and running from the scene. Mumia was badly beaten and put on trial for first degree murder. The reason for this was that Mumia was well known to the cops of Philadelphia as a person who spoke out against their abuses.

Mumia's trial was as much a farce as was Leonard's. Statements about his youth were brought up, and he was sentenced to die. On June 2, 1995 Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Ridge signed a death warrant for Mumia to die on August 17th. Through an international campaign the date of his murder has been put off. BUT, THIS DOES NOT MEAN that the government does not plan to kill him. It only means they hope that the people will back off the campaign to save him. Though this is a victory, we must all renew our commitment to prevent his murder and to see that he receives true justice by freeing him NOW.

As Leonard has asked all of his supporters, the NW Leonard Peltier Support Network requests all of its supporters to support Mumia. Demand that they do not murder Mumia and that he is given a fair trial.

For more information read Mumia's new book *Live from Death Row* and write to the International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, PO Box 19707, Philadelphia, PA 19143 215/476-8812 or Equal Justice PO Box 5206, Hyattsville, MD 20782. ◆

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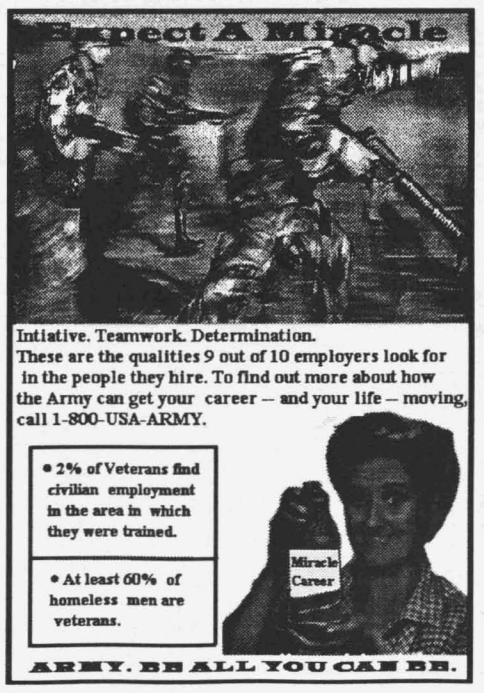
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The Case of Leonard Peltier

Twenty Years of Government Cover-Up and Lies

Arthur J. Miller

Twenty years may seem as a long time to a man falsely imprisoned to cover up the misdeeds of the government. The missing of the growth of his children, only being able to see them once in a while within the cage his captors hold him. The experiences of family, time missed walking upon the earth, all lost to the reality of cold concrete and hardened steel bars. Though we live in troubled times where many have begun to question the government's use of their police forces for political ends, few among the powerful people have raised their voice to acknowledge the crimes against Leonard Peltier and the original people of this land.

When white people are the victims of governmental abuse, the politicians and the media will hound the case endlessly. When Native people are the victims, inquiries are met with the silences of denial. The hearts of white society bleed over their crimes of a hundred years ago against the Original people. Many books are written and read; movies are made and apologies given. What white society fails to acknowledge is that these crimes have continued, unhindered to this day. What of the continuing ethnic cleansing currently taking place? The violation of treaty rights? What of the Dine of Big Mountain, the Western Shoshone and what of Leonard Peltier? As long as Leonard remains imprisoned atonement cannot be achieved!

"For Leonard's struggle is more than just a struggle about justice for one man, more than just a struggle over the history of genocide of the original people."

This past June 26, marked the twentieth anniversary of what some have come to call the "Incident at Oglala". Twenty years of lies and cover-up by the United States of America. Though some seek to isolate what happened as single incident, the fact of the matter is that what happened twenty years ago was part of a continuing policy of genocide. It began with the invasion of Lakota land, continued through the murderous campaign of conquest and the suppression of the traditional Lakota people, the theft of the Black Hills, the gold and uranium mining, the contamination of the rivers and ground water. White society turned a deaf ear and the only resistance was found from the traditional people. When the government's genocidal policies of forced boarding schools, outlawing traditional religion and forced poverty did not work they resorted to the creation of a death squad. Yes, America, the U.S. Government created a death squad to carry out its political policy!

In the few years after the Wounded Knee standoff hundreds of traditional people and American Indian Movement members were murdered, wounded and imprisoned. Faced with this onslaught, the traditional Lakota people asked AIM for their help. An AIM camp was set up and on that day twenty years ago the government staged an event with the purpose of crushing all resistance to its criminal conspiracy. In the battle that took place, two FBI agents and one Native Warrior died. The government, outraged that the oppressed desired to fight back and that two of its agents lost their lives, began a campaign of terror and murder to make the oppressed pay for their resistance.

Three AIM members were targeted. The first two went on trial and were found not guilty for the reason of self-defense. Leonard was then the one to take the full force of the government's attack. He was extradited from Canada with the use of false affidavits and lying statements. His trial was taken away from the original judge and his case given to a judge who had a long history of racism against Native people. He was convicted in a show trial that included fabricated evidence and coerced witnesses. His defense was not allowed to present the true story of the government's crimes against the Lakota people; and that on that day, Leonard and the other people there only defended themselves from a murderous attack. He was sent to prison for two life terms and the government hoped that this would be the end of this affair. But through the years, courageous lawyers took up Leonard's case and filed appeal after appeal to the higher courts only to be turned down. American justice was not meant to apply to those who stood up to the political crimes of the United States of America. Also, many other brave people came out is support of Leonard, some devoting their lives in the search for justice.

Rather than Leonard's conviction being the end of the matter, it became a starting point of one of the longest and largest campaigns for justice seen

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in US history. The government, through its agents of the FBI, had their own campaign for justice to be denied. There is a risk in seeking justice, and many have been silenced by fear. The campaign for justice for Leonard is stronger now than ever before. People around the world have spoken out for justice for Leonard. We ask you to please add your voice to this struggle. For Leonard's struggle is more than just a struggle about justice for one man, more than just a struggle over the history of genocide of the original people. It is also a struggle to end the government's policy of oppression for political, economic and social ends. Anyone who speaks out is at risk as long as Leonard is in prison. Thus, this injustice to Leonard is an injustice to all. For Leonard is in prison for us, and we should be out here for him. And to the government we ask: If there is truth in any of your words, why is it that you fear a fair and truthful hearing of the events that took place twenty years ago?

Internationally, there continues to be demonstrations, walks, fasts and benefits for Leonard. The Northwest Network has an ongoing public campaign of rallies and marches. There has been fourteen of these in the last two years in our region. These rallies have taken place in Portland, Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle, Everett, Mt. Vernon, Bellingham, and at the US/Canadian border.

The campaign for justice for Leonard continues on many levels. First, there is the campaign for Executive Clemency. Please write President Clinton at the White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500 202/456-1111 • fax 202/456-2461 and voice for support for clemency. There is a call for an investigation by the US Commission on Civil Rights.

Please write letters in support of this to : Mary Frances Barry, Chair and Cruz Reynoso, Vice Chair, at the US Commission on Civil Rights, Washington DC 20425.

Also, please write to your local Congressperson asking them to support the campaign for justice for Leonard.

For more info:

NW Leonard Peltier Support Network
PO Box 10262, Olympia, WA 98502

Peltier Support Group–Tacoma
PO Box 5464, Tacoma, WA 98415 ◆

Sarajevo Project Update

Linda Beekman

Linda has traveled to Sarajevo four times, and may be on her fifth trip as you read this. She has been acting as a peace witness and delivering humanitarian aid. She has visited her friend Renata numerous times in Sarajevo and has delivered food and supplies, toys and school things for children, equipment for the ballet company, and most recently goods for the children's home, Mjedenica Home/School for Retarded Children.

We are awaiting news from Renata Zbanic about her journey out of Sarajevo, with her two-year-old son Haris. She was to have left the city on August 7th at 1:30am, but waited late into the night for a person who was to help her, who never arrived. Her journey out of Sarajevo is extremely dangerous, especially with a two-year-old.

They must first travel through the tunnel, which is a 20 to 30 minute, damp, muddy, dark walk. Once out of the tunnel, they must climb over Mt. Igman, which must be done at night. The Serbs constantly shoot at whatever they hear on the mountain. One of her main reasons for leaving at this time is that she can't consistently find enough food for Haris. We hope that once she is out of Sarajevo, she will be able to make her way to Split, Croatia, where she will be able to get a visa for travel to the U.S.

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Due to the constantly changing situation in the former Yugoslavia, I found that I needed extra time to prepare for this upcoming trip. There is a chance, that I can get an "almost free ticket," if I wait until October. I hope now to leave around the 3rd.

The response to the request for medical and dental supplies has been great. With packages coming from as far away as Huntsville, AL and Spokane, WA, I will soon have the items requested. Cash donations are still needed. All donations received now will be used to buy food for children, hopefully in Sarajevo at the Mjedenica School.

Friends, please support this project if you haven't done so already. Your donation is important and will make a difference. Five dollars is hardly anything in today's economy. Yet, if everyone who reads this, who hasn't supported this project would send $5, the children at the Mjedenica School would enjoy fresh fruit and vegetable for a whole month. Please send your donation today. Money is also needed to help Renata when she gets out of Sarajevo. If you would like to earmark a donation for her, please do so.

Friends, we enjoy relative safety and abundance in this country. I ask you to share a very small amount of this abundance with those who have had the misfortune of being caught in this war. No amount is too small. Added together, these gifts will make a big difference to those who receive your aid. Make checks payable to Tampa Bay Peace Education Program and send to 130 19th Ave SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33705-2810. ◆

Food • Music • Conversation • Auction

Bosnian Student Project

A delicious Mediterranean dinner will raise money for the local Bosnian Student Project to help five Bosnian students continue their educations safely here.

The event will include a silent auction. The Makedonians will perform Balkan music. The Mediterranean dinner will be prepared under the direction of Olympia's Sweet Oasis Mediterranean Cafe & Bakery, which is donating its labor.

Now the project is working hard to raise more than $24,000 a year to cover the expenses so the five academically talented Bosnian students can continue their college educations until it is safe for them to return home and rebuild their devastated country. The local project is part of a nationwide project that has brought more than seventy students to the U.S. and enrolled them in high schools and colleges.

On Saturday, November 11, the dinner and silent auction will be held at the Olympia Center, 222 North Columbia, downtown Olympia. At 6:30pm the doors will open and the silent auction will begin. Dinner will be served at 7pm. The Makedonians will perform Balkan music.

Host families are donating room and board, and schools and other sources are providing tuition support for these students. The project's local organizers are donating their time and absorbing many out-of-pocket expenses. They are seeking financial and in-kind donations from individuals, businesses, and community organizations. Donations to "Olympia FOR" and earmarked for "Bosnian Student Project" are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Send checks to the Olympia FOR, 5015 15th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503-2723.

Tickets to the dinner and silent auction cost $15 or $12 each for families of three or more. Children under 5 are free. Tickets must be bought in advance from a volunteer, by mail, or from Sweet Oasis Restaurant. Earmark checks "dinner" and make payable to "Olympia FOR." You may choose whether to have the tickets mailed to you or held at the door.

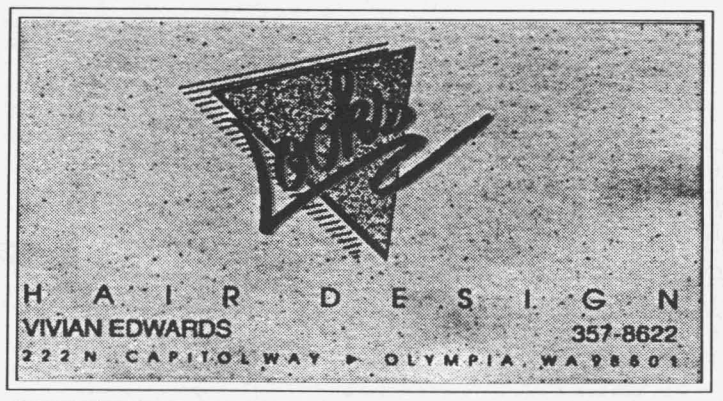
The local Bosnian Student Project is sponsored by the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation, Temple Beth Hatfiloh, the Islamic Center of Olympia, the Community for Interfaith Celebration, the Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, the Olympia Friends Meeting, and the Social Justice Committee of St. Michael's Catholic Church. For more information call 459-5340 or 491-9093.

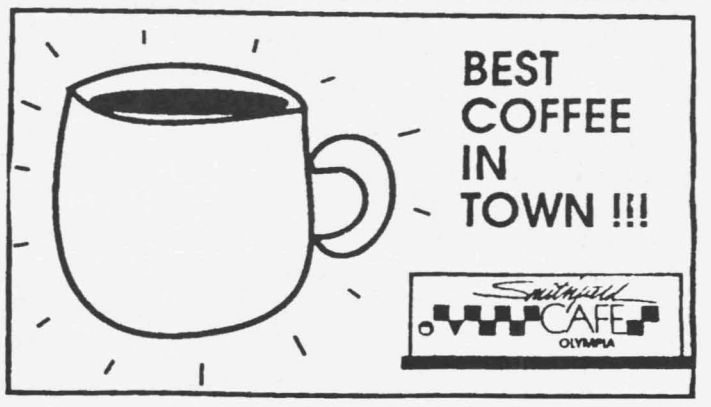
March and Rally for Justice For Leonard Peltier

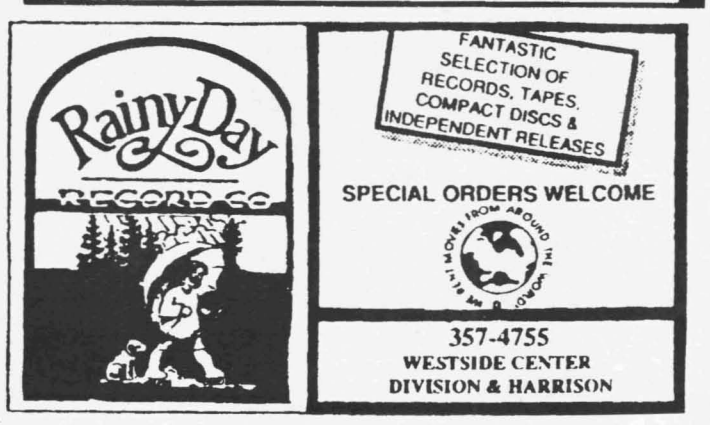
October 7, 1995
Noon — March
1pm — Rally

March starts at Firemen's Park, 7th and Pacific Ave, Tacoma and finishes at the U.S. Federal Courthouse 1717 Pacific Ave (site of rally).

"Twenty years of cover-up is too long!"







Sunday, October 8th, 2 pm

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"How Our Early Intervention Can Help Curb Gay's Depression and Suicide" by Margie Mitchell, director of the Crisis Clinic's Crisis Line, will help us understand and spot depression and learn how to intervene with support and understanding.

Wednesday, October 11

Coming Out Day Celebration
for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and their families.

Sunday, October 15, 3pm

Olympia FOR Monthly Speaker Series

"Working, and not Making It"
Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 280

Wednesday, October 18

Public forum on Referendum 48 to reverse the anti-environmental intiative 164.
Olympia Center, 222 N. Columbia

Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 pm

Hands Off Washington General Meeting

United Churches
Capital Way & 11th

Thursday, October 26, 7 pm

Edible Landscaping

This evening lecture, presented by Kirk Hanson, proprietor of Abundant Gardens: Organic Edible Landscaping, will cover the basic concepts of natural design in the urban landscape. Topics to be discussed will include: site analysis, use of alternative materials, space conservation, low maintenance designing, biointensive planting, intercropping, pest management, raise bed construction, composting, and more.

Unitarian Universalist Church
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Saturday, October 28, 1995

Radical Women Halloween Party

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Olympia Voters Can Send a Strong Firearms Regulation Message to the State Legislature on November 7th

Samuel Fry

The Olympia City Council has given Olympia voters an historic opportunity on the November 7th ballot to speak out for restoration of a local government's right to enact ordinances regulating, where deemed necessary, various aspects of firearms possession, purchase, sale, and use. The Council has placed a "Firearms Laws Advisory" referendum on the ballot asking:

"Shall the Olympia City Council request the Legislature to amend RCW 9.41.290, which prohibits cities, towns and counties from passing law relating to firearms that are inconsistent with State law, to allow local governments more flexibility to pass their own firearms laws?"

"Recently, a group of Thurston County residents decided to try and raise interest at the "grassroots level" in taking exclusive rights to gun control away from the State Legislature..."

The Washington State "preemption law", which denies local jurisdictions the right to pass firearms ordinances except as dictated by the Legislature, has been the subject of growing controversy given the diversity of crime and related problems statewide. Although gun violence is a much bigger threat to public safety in Seattle than in a rural area, current state law prohibits Seattle, or any other jurisdiction, from making local decisions on regulating and attacking its problems with local solutions.

In 1981, the town of Morton Grove, Illinois, banned the civilian possession of handguns within town limits. The resulting challenges by the gun lobby, the National Rifle Association (NRA), and others concerned by this seemingly extreme step, reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 1982. The Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal, thus tacitly upholding the right of a local jurisdiction to enact firearms ordinances as it saw fit. The resulting shock waves spurred a massive national gun lobby effort to persuade states to "preempt" local ability to control firearms except as allowed by state direction. Washington was one of a number os states that passed such "preemption" legislation. Efforts to repeal or amend the law have been unsuccessful, a tribute to the intense lobbying, financial investment, and campaign contributions of the gun lobby and the NRA.

Thurston County Ceasefire Calls for Advisory Ballot

Recently, a group of Thurston County residents decided to try and raise interest at the "grassroots level" in taking exclusive rights to gun control away from the State Legislature and giving some of that power again to local governments. On June 20, 1995, Olympia residents of the Thurston County Ceasefire organization asked the Olympia City Council to consider a citizens' advisory ballot requesting the Council to work with the Legislature on the issue of rescinding or amending the state "preemption" law. The Council responded favorably with the November 7th opportunity for Olympia voters to register in the ballot box their feelings about the right of a local government to regulate firearms and other weapons as necessary for local conditions.

As things now stand, Olympia or any other Washington city cannot even pass a simple law that prohibits carrying a firearm into a city park, a sports arena, or even the city council chambers. In 1993, the Lacey City Council tried to restrict the carrying of weapons within a defined distance of schools, in response to the Larry Rogers murder and to an epidemic of guns and gangs in schools. Its action was immediately reversed by the state preemption law. The Legislature has refused to allow even these rudimentary local efforts to protect its citizens. The reason is self-evident: a change in the preemption law would hamper efforts of the powerful gun lobby to control all firearms legislation. The gun lobby now has only to focus its lobbying efforts and financing on the Legislature and doesn't want to see individual jurisdictions having an authority it might not be able to influence.

Majority of Americans Favor Reasonable Gun Control

Poll after poll has shown that a majority of Americans want stronger and more effective firearms controls, but their voices individually are hard to hear over the coordinated and NRA-directed gun lobby efforts to drown them in a sea of misinformation about the Second Amendment and other scare tactics about alleged weapons confiscation schemes.

Send a Message to Give Us Back Our Local Rights

Voting yes on the Firearms Laws Advisory Ballot will not allow the Olympia City Council to take any action other than to register with the Legislature the demand of Olympia's citizens for restoration of the right to take effective actions in the interests of public safety and security. But that is an important first step. This ballot has nothing whatsoever to do with outlawing guns, the right of citizens to possess weapons legally, or least of all confiscation of handguns. This ballot simply asks the Legislature to realize that in a democracy reasonable citizens should have the right in their local jurisdictions to legislate reasonable firearms regulations for the well-being of the entire community. ◆

Freedom Vote Endorsements

State Senate	20th Dis	Lois Lopez
Olympia Council	Mayor	Bob Jacobs
	Pos 2	Laura Ware
	Pos 3	Mark Foutch
Tumwater Council	Pos 1	Ed Stanley
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	Pos 2	John Keeffe
	Pos 4	Mary Farrington
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Thurston-Lewis Counties Labor Council

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Michael Welter . . . Griffin School District #324, Pos. #2
Blair Patrick. . . . . Griffin School District #324, Pos. #3
Bill Williams . . . . . N. Thurston School District #3, Dist. #1
John Keeffe . . . . . Olympia School District #111, Dist. #2
Jay Wood . . . . . Tumwater School District #33, Dist. #3

WIP needs your group's endorsements for the November issue. If you agree with our mission send it in along with a description of your endorsement process by October 20 to PO Box 295, Olympia, WA 98507.